

Future attys Worry Over Tribune Tourney

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Down in Hamilton Park, in front of the bulletin board that blazoned the announcement of the Tribune baseball tournament, half a dozen small boys discussed a big problem of finance yesterday afternoon. There were Mike and Moe and Giovanni and three others with names that had a decidedly foreign ring to them. Every day last week they had met after school and on the way home had planned entering the Tribune tournament and winning those gold medals and one of the silver championship cups, for neither the silver nor bronze medals would do. Every one of them had filled out his entry blank and had handed it in to the playground instructor. All that was left was to choose a name for the team—a momentous matter—to buy a regular ball and a catcher's mitt, and begin practice.

Time was when a good "Rocket," bought for a nickel, had served their grown brothers well in many a hard-fought battle on the diamond. But the day of the 1-cent ball has passed, even as a makeshift for practice. Now only the "big league" kind will do for this youngest generation of Tribes. Cobbs and Mattys and Bakers. But the "big league" spheres command a big price—unfortunately—hence the conference.

By diligent economy—and they learn economy early down there around Hamilton Park—they had scraped together all of 25 cents. But that would not quite pay for the ball. So it meant another week of self-denial—giving up that penny's worth of candy—giving up going to the movies. There was the old chance that some one of them would earn a penny or two running errands after school, and these windfalls would go to swell the exchequer to buy the needed equipment.

And so they stood and discussed the possibilities pro and con with as much earnestness and gravity as ever the promoters of the Federal League did last winter before embarking on the venture against organized baseball.

This is only one instance and unfortunately an undisturbed story of the interest that is being taken in the Tribune Baseball Tournament. Up to the close of this week William J. Lee, Supervisor of Recreation and sponsor for this feast of baseball, had received the entries of 317 teams, made up of more than 3,000 boys of all ages and sizes.

When the lists close, in just two weeks, he expects to have more than 12,000 boys in line. If the interest of the boys themselves at the playgrounds goes for anything, the struggle for the four silver cups, the prizes for the champions in each class and the bronze and silver medals in the elimination, interpark and final series will be the keenest that baseball, major or minor league or sand lots, has ever known.

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Where the Boys Must Register

The elimination series of games in The Tribune Baseball League tournament will be played at the following parks and boys must register at playgrounds nearest their homes:

Carl Schurz.....86th st. and East River
Carmanville.....151st st. and Amsterdam av.
Chelsea.....150th st. and Tenth av.
Colonial.....150th st. and Bradhurst av.
De Witt Clinton.....151st st. and 11th av.
East 11th Street.....11th st. and East River
Hudson.....Clarkson and Hudson sts.
Jasper Oval.....127th st. and Convent av.
Reservoir.....147th st. and Amsterdam av.
Bennett Field.....154th st. and Broadway
Thomas Jefferson.....114th st. and Pleasant av.
Yorkville.....101st st. and Third av.
Riverside Oval.....72d st. and Riverside Drive
Queensboro.....Foot of East 69th st.
St. Gabriel's.....150th st. and Second av.
Tompkins Square.....10th st. and Avenue A
Hamilton Park.....Houston and Pitt sts.
Seward.....Canal and Jefferson sts.
Corleone Hook.....Corleone Pl. and Jackson st.
Columbus.....Baxter and Worth sts.
Cherry and Market.....Cherry and Market sts.
Jeannette.....Conites Slip
John Jay.....77th st. and East River
Battery.....State st. and Battery Pl.
Central Park.....98th st. and Fifth av.
Central Park.....Sheep Fold (65th st.)
Riverside.....90th st. and Riverside Drive
West 28th Street.....Between 10th and 11th avs.

Every day the diamonds of the twenty-eight playgrounds in Manhattan are crowded from the time that school lets out until it is too dark to see a ball coming up to the plate. Boys of all sizes are brushing up on their hitting, throwing and base running.

Of the 200 teams that have entered the race there are many that have never competed in the playground tournaments up to this season. There are many duplicates in name, which run the gamut from national heroes to towns suggestive of those that savor of the country. Baseball players come in for their share of the honors and there is one Tribune Athletic Club.

Just now there seems to be more of the midge—fifty-eight-pound class—teams entered, but there will be no lack of competitors in the other three classes—the 100-pound, 115-pound and 130-pound. There will be four contests a day in the elimination rounds, until about 112 games have been played.

Then comes the interpark series, and all the boys are looking forward to that, for it is just possible that the Mayor may be able to slip away from the cares of office and see an inning or two. Later come the championships and the real battle for the silver cups.

There is much rivalry between the various recreation centers as to which will have the largest enrollment of teams. The instructors have their hands full to get diamonds enough to go round for the squads that are practicing, and answering questions, taking in entry blanks and helping organize teams, and a thousand and one other trifles of the kind.

But it is a labor of love, for there is not one of them who is not proud of the increased attendance at his playground, and who is not more than willing to help every one of them with advice and instruction.

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ONE OF THE DIAMONDS ON WHICH THE TRIBUNE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED AND A CUT OF THE MEDALS.



CHELSEA PARK PLAYGROUND.

LASKER MADE GAME STAND IN TOURNNEY

Chess Champion of World
Retained Honors by a
Strong Finish.

The most pleasing feature about the St. Petersburg International congress concluded on Friday was undoubtedly the re-entry of Lasker into the tournament ring. For years past he has been an absentee from all the important tournaments, and when it became known that he would be a certain competitor at St. Petersburg, the contest at once became one of the most important of modern times.

Starting in rather indifferent form, he nevertheless played some remarkable chess and only once was he caught napping—that being in a game with the Russian master, Bernstein, who beat him rather nicely. He improved in his play almost daily.

Beginning the final tournament he was one and a half points behind the leader, the young Cuban champion, Capablanca. After disposing of Janowski and Gunsberg in the two final rounds of the preliminary contest, Lasker beat Alekhine, Tarrasch, Marshall, Alekhine a second time, and Capablanca, after having drawn with the latter in the second round of the supplementary contest, thereby making a total of 7½ out of 8 points, a most remarkable achievement.

Lasker continued to play splendid chess and had the satisfaction of placing once more a first prize to his credit, as was duly stated in The Tribune yesterday.

It is rather interesting to see how the five men who played in the supplementary contest fared against one another, taking the results of all the three games they played against one another into consideration. The results follow:

Lasker won 2 games from Capablanca, 2½ from Alekhine, 2 from Tarrasch and 2 from Marshall. Total, 9.
Capablanca won 1 from Lasker, 2½ from Marshall. Total, 3½.
Alekhine won ½ from Lasker, ½ from Capablanca, 2½ from Tarrasch and 2 from Marshall. Total, 5.
Tarrasch won 1 from Lasker, 1½ from Capablanca, 1½ from Alekhine and 1 from Marshall. Total, 3½.
Marshall won ½ from Lasker, ½ from Capablanca, 1½ from Alekhine and 1 from Tarrasch. Total, 2½.

Appended are the scores of interesting games from the St. Petersburg International tournament, just arrived by mail. The attack worked up by Lasker in the appended game against Capablanca as second player can hardly be justified, and he must be considered as fortunate in having escaped paying the penalty of his rash line of play.

Capablanca seemed to get the better of the fight, but the exchange of queens left the position fairly even.

FOUR KNIGHTS GAME.
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Capablanca. Lasker.
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3 Kt-B3 Kt-B2
4 B-Kt5 B-Kt5
5 Castles Castles
6 P-Q3 P-Q3
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POSITION OF BOAT OPENS A DISCUSSION

Question of Pace Following and
Piloting Leads to Quite a Dif-
ference of Opinion.

Three more ambitious watermen have sent in applications for entry blanks for the Tribune Marathon swim, from the Battery to Sandy Hook, on July 13, and signified their intention of taking part. They are William A. Casey, of Brooklyn; Jacob Vogel, of New York, and John C. Martin, of Jersey City.

Every member of this trio has had several years of experience in long distance swimming, both competitive and against time, and each feels confident of making a good showing.

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lars of your Marathon swim and take the liberty of writing about the rule suggested by Mr. Richards obliging the contestants to swim behind their boats instead of behind them, because I realize its importance.

Having had considerable experience in distance swimming races, I am able to state that unscrupulous competitors often employ unfair tactics, such as having wires, strings and other devices hard to see to be towed by.

It would seem advisable, therefore, to avoid all possibility of such occurrences by doing as Richards suggests, particularly as it is quite as easy to follow the course when swimming parallel to the piloting craft as when behind it.

This is fair to all, and will prevent all kicks later, justified or not.

The Mississippi Marathon, which I have twice witnessed, has repeatedly been followed by protests and recriminations, owing to somebody being assisted without the judges knowing it.

The Tribune should take precautions against like regrettable events.

Hoping this letter from one who wishes to see the coming race a success will help in having the proposed rule inserted in the code, I sign myself,

Yours for sport,
JAMES CONNOLLY.

Answers to Correspondents.
J. C. M., Jersey City—A. A. U. rules will obtain. Full suits not required; trunks may be worn. Rowboats will be furnished by The Tribune to all contestants.

W. A. C., Brooklyn—It will not be decided until June, but committee is in favor of starting from Battery, not Brooklyn.

J. V., New York—Rules will be published in these columns. Entry blanks will be mailed to applicants when issued.

H. L., New York—Date of swim is July 13. Time of start not settled, but it will be early in the morning, probably shortly before high tide.

There is always allurements in a decoration or a medal. And there are few boys, big or small, whose chest measurement would not increase an inch or two to display one the better.

The gold, silver and bronze medals that are to be won in The Tribune Baseball Tournament are well worth fighting a whole summer to gain. Every one of them is a triumph in the medalist's art.

The obverse of all the medals shows Matty, the only Matty, in action. On the reverse is the following inscription:

INTERPARK PLAYGROUND.
A. A. BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.
NEW YORK CITY.
PRESENTED BY THE TRIBUNE, 1914.

Each member of the championship teams in the four classes will receive a gold medal, and in addition his team will get one of the silver cups.

The Tribune Baseball Tournament is open to any boy who cares to clip out the entry blank from The Tribune and hand it to the instructor in charge of the playground or recreation centre nearest his home. The entering teams will be divided into four classes, according to weight.

Hurry up, boys! Send in your entries and get out on the diamonds in trim to win one of the medals. And luck to you!

FED DESERTERS PUNISHED Smith and Allen, of Terrapins, Fined and Suspended.

Baltimore, May 23.—At a special meeting here to-day of the Federal Baseball League, punishment was meted out to Frank Smith and John M. Allen, who deserted the Baltimore club and attempted to join the Montreal club of the International League.

Smith was fined \$100 and suspended for forty-five days. Allen was fined \$50 and suspended for fifteen days. Knabe, of the local club, refused an offer of the Brooklyn management for Smith in spite of an announcement to the contrary, saying that the player must remain a member of the local team.

President James A. Gilmore presided at the session, which was attended by Robert B. Ward, of Brooklyn; Vice-President Walker of the Chicago club; E. E. Gates, general counsel of the league, and the local Federal League officials.

"A most important decision will be made in relation to the number of entries a country can make in each event. At the federation meeting last August it was voted that a country should be allowed to enter twelve men, but start only six in each event. If this is adhered to and becomes the final decision of the International Olympic Committee, it will lessen the expense somewhat of the American team, as we will not be compelled to take so many men."

"It is confidently expected that the entire programme for the Olympic games at Berlin, 1916, will be officially adopted at this congress, together with the rules under which the events will be contested, so that each country will have close to two years to prepare their teams."

"The question of athletes receiving travelling expenses is clearly set forth in the report of the